

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

HENRY TUCKER, *on behalf of himself and
all other persons similarly situated*,

Plaintiff,

-against-

HOLLISTER CO.,

Defendant.

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1:19-cv-10033 (MKV)

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

MARY KAY VYSKOCIL, United States District Judge:

Plaintiff Henry Tucker filed this action against Defendant Hollister Co. asserting claims under the Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”), 42 U.S.C. §§ 12181 *et seq.*, the New York State Human Rights Law, N.Y. EXEC. LAW §§ 290 *et seq.*, and the New York City Human Rights Law, N.Y.C. ADMIN. CODE §§ 8-101 *et seq.* [ECF No. 1]. Tucker and other visually impaired plaintiffs filed a number of substantially identical actions against stores and restaurants for failing to carry braille gift cards. *See Calcano v. Swarovski N. Am. Ltd.*, No. 20-1552, 2022 WL 1788305, at *1 (2d Cir. June 2, 2022); *see also Dominguez v. Pizza Hut of Am., LLC*, No. 19-cv-10175 (MKV), 2020 WL 3639977, at *4 (S.D.N.Y. July 6, 2020) (dismissing for lack of standing). Hollister Co. filed a motion to dismiss the First Amended Complaint [ECF No. 19] for lack of standing and failure to state a claim [ECF No. 20, 21, 24]. The Court administratively terminated that motion and stayed this case pending the resolution of an appeal arising from the dismissals of five similar cases [ECF No. 26].

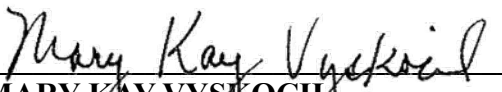
On June 2, 2022, the Second Circuit affirmed those dismissals in *Calcano v. Swarovski N. Am. Ltd.*, 2022 WL 1788305, at *1. The Second Circuit explained that the “conclusory, boilerplate allegations” in the five “nearly identical complaints” failed to establish standing. *Id.* Tucker’s

pleading in this case, the First Amended Complaint, is substantially identical to the complaints that the Second Circuit held failed to establish standing.

The Court has an independent “obligation . . . to inquire as to subject matter jurisdiction” and to dismiss *sua sponte* where the Court lacks such jurisdiction. *See Da Silva v. Kinsho Int’l Corp.*, 229 F.3d 358, 361–62 (2d Cir. 2000). Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this case is DISMISSED without prejudice for lack of standing. Tucker may file a second amended complaint within fifteen days. If he does not timely file a second amended complaint, this case will be dismissed with prejudice.

SO ORDERED

Dated: June 7, 2022
New York, New York



MARY KAY VYSKOČIL
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE